

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The present response is submitted to place the above-identified application in condition for allowance based on the indication of allowable subject matter in the outstanding Office Action.

In the outstanding Office Action claim 72 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph and claims 36, 40, 43, 56, 58, 60, 63, 72, 73, and 74 were rejected over art. Claims 38, 53, 71, and 75-79 were objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were noted as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant gratefully acknowledges that indication of allowable subject matter.

First, with respect to the indication of allowable subject matter applicant notes claim 38 was not a dependent claim but was an independent claim, and claim 38 has been maintained in independent form and is believed to be allowable on the basis of the outstanding Office Action.

Further, each of the currently pending claims is believed to recite subject matter indicated as allowable in the outstanding Office Action.

In further detail, claim 40 is amended by the present response to incorporate limitations from allowable claim 53, and intervening claim 43.

Claim 53 is rewritten to be in independent form based on intervening claim 43 and independent claim 36, from which claim 43 also depended, which subject matter was also indicated as allowable in the outstanding Office Action.

Each of claims 56, 58, and 60 is amended to incorporate limitations from allowable dependent claim 71, and thus those amended claims are believed to be allowable.

Further, claim 75 is amended to depend from any one of now allowable independent claims 56, 58, and 60, and thus is believed to be allowable.

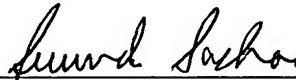
The present response also sets forth new claims 80-91 for examination that also recite subject matter indicated as allowable in the outstanding Office Action. Specifically, those claims correspond to previously pending claims 56, 58, and 60 rewritten in independent form with the limitations of allowable dependent claims 76-79.

In such ways, each of the currently pending claims is believed to recite subject matter indicated as allowable in the outstanding Office Action.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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